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The Terrific Cost of Accidents

It is most depressing to read that the dollar cost of accidents in this country is rising. One roll ble estimate puts last year's total cost at the staggering figure of $10,000,000,000.

This total includes damages, benefit payments, loss of pay, loss of production, doctor and hospital bills, with perhaps half of the total being chargable to highway mishaps. With the heavy-travel season just now getting underway for 1957, there are those who are fearful of what this year's accident toll will be.

While some safety officials pin their hopes for reducing the motor vehicle toll to the new national-highway building program, others fear that the increase in driver population and the number of motor vehicles on the highways will cause the accident figures to climb even higher.

Motor vehicle fatalities in 1956 brought a record 45,000 life insurance death claims, with payments amounting to $97,000,000. This was 3,000 more claims and $7,000,000 more in benefits than was paid in the preceding year.

But, however high the economic and human loss from injuries and death from motor vehicle accidents, the loss from other types of accidents has also risen. On-the-job accidents cost industry and workers about $3,500,000,000 last year, according to figures released by the Institute for Safer Living of the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company of Boston. Off-the-job accidents cost much more — nearly $7,500,000,000 with highway accidents being included in both categories.

Increased leisure time and higher incomes enable more people to travel these days — all too often into danger. The fact that so many workers seem to sustain mor accidents causing time and production loss while away from their jobs than while at work has caused a number of companies to set up safety clauses, urging precautions at recreation, around the home and on the road.

It is both interesting, and alarming, to note how the institute's estimate of $10,000,000,000 accident cost, which is termed "a total economic loss," compares with the outlook for Federal and state highway construction this year, which is expected to cost taxpayers $11,000,000,000, but not a "total" loss.

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The College Student Boom

Although lower schools have been experiencing a tremendous surge in enrollment, the nation's colleges have not yet experienced the tremendous boom which is expected to occur when the war-babies begin enrolling.

The war-babies, so-called, are those born during World War II between 1941 and 1945. It is obvious that this crop of babies has now grown up and is about ready to enroll as freshmen in the nation's colleges and universities.

Babies born in 1941 are now sixteen, and some of them will finish high school during the year, and many of them will be ready for college in 1958. From 1958 through 1962, the boom in colleges and universities is likely to be phenomenal because of the high birth rate during the war.

Birth rates were also high immediately after the war, and therefore colleges and universities may expect greatly increased enrollments in the next five or six years.

In South Carolina, state-supported colleges and universities have already shown a net gain of more than 26 per cent over enrollment five years ago. Private colleges in this state have also recorded a gain, and is though not as large as the state-supported institution's gain, and is estimated at about 16 per cent.

It is to be hoped that the schools of higher learning will be able to hold down educational costs, so that every young person possible will be able to continue their schooling beyond the high school level.

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Bums To Los Angeles

The mayor of Los Angeles says that the Brooklyn Dodgers, pennant winners in the National League last year, will move to Los Angeles in 1958. If the prediction pans out, it would mark the first appearance on the West Coast of a Major League baseball team.

We think the move would be in the best interest of baseball. We think both the West Coast, and possibly one or two cities in the South (in which we include Texas) could rather easily support Major League baseball.

There are already three teams in greater New York. Both the New York Yankees, of the American League, and the New York Giants, of the National League, have far larger parks than that of the Dodgers. The Dodgers, have a higher-finishing club in recent years than the Giants.

Yet their attendance is held down by the fact that their home park can only seat something over 30,000 fans. Yankee Stadium, in contrast, can seat more than twice that many.

Whether it be the Dodgers or another team, we think it high time that the Major Leagues move west and south. Even though teams from present areas of play may move to smaller cities, the recent past has shown that enthusiasm in a new location is always great, and that a move to new territory brings about a surprising increase in revenue and attendance.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

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Hypocrites

Lesson for March 24, 1957

THE word "hypocrite" can be thrown around recklessly. Some one asked Dr. W. L. Lingle once why there are so many hypocrites in the church. His reply was that there are really not so many as some people think. The church, he says, is full of half-way Christians, stupid Christians, ignorant and weak Christians, even 25% Christians. But a genuine hypocrite is a person who is bad and knows it, and pretends to be good in order to conceal his badness. Such persons, says Dr. Lingle, are few. However, we should not sit back and suppose that all the hypocrites were Bible characters. Still less should any one imagine that today all the hypocrites are in the church. People who are at least temporary hypocrites can be found all around us. Perhaps in us!

Dr. Foreman

Family Hypocrites

We don't have to go to church to be hypocrites. We can practice right at home, and some of us do all too well at it. The word originally meant simply "actor." We are all hypocrites when we act better than we know we are; or when our preachments fly at a higher level than our practice. When Father gives the children a lecture on honesty, the very day when he sells a piece of real estate for more than he knows it is worth; when he spanks the children for losing their temper—but doesn't spank them till he has lost his own; when Mother tells the children at table to be patient, though she wouldn't wait in line at the post office but squeezed in out of turn; or when she greets the visiting Mrs. Jones like a long-lost sister, only to say before the visitor gets to her car, that she hopes that bore never comes again;—Father and Mother are being play-actors.

Even the children may be playacting when they take their parents' lectures or discipline as if they heard every word and meant to do better next time, when all the while they are thinking about something else; and they may be terrible little hypocrites about school—how mean the teacher is, and how all the children pick on me, and so on.

Business Hypocrites

Dwight L. Moody admitted the church harbors a good many hypocrites, but—he said—there are a lot more outside the church. There are indeed. Take business for instance. Listening to the high priests of big business in America, reading the advertisements, the man from Mars might take it seriously and believe that the main object of business is service. The jolly fellowship at luncheon clubs might be taken in the same way: how can these people be deadly rivals? The answer is, they aren't. The club rules allow admittance of only one person from each "classification." But in each classification the man may be a ruthless rival of other men in the same line not in this club. And as for service, it is quite true this is an aim of business, but the aim is making money. Even men in "professions" which have a long and honorable record of service, may be there for the simple reason that there is more money in it than in anything else they would find congenial. When a town finds itself year after without a resident doctor or minister simply because it is a town of poor people, the citizens are a little dubious about the "Service" professions.

Hypocrites in Church

Which brings up the kind of hypocrites who drew Jesus fire—the hypocrites in church. Aren't we all hypocrites when we tip our heads back and sing, "Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee"—when we decline even the small opportunities for service the church offers us? Isn't a minister a hypocrite when he exhorts his people to virtues which in his position are very easy but which he would find pretty hard if he were in their place? (Temperance, for instance.) Isn't the church member a hypocrite who hastens to dust off the Bible when she sees the minister coming up the front walk? Isn't the churchman a hypocrite who is extra careful of his language around the preacher? And aren't we all hypocrites when we pray, "Thy Kingdom come," —and back the prayer up with one thin quarter?

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Washington Notes

OUTLOOK FOR 1957

A Joint Senate-House economic report recently stated that the outlook for 1957 "is for further increases in employment, production and purchasing power, with no general easing of pressures toward further cost and price increases." The report noted that while the current economic outlook is 'bright' it may change rapidly.

HOME-BUILDING

The Federal Government is now working on several schemes to make money easier for the home-builder. One is to increase by $500,000,000 the amount that the Federal National Mortgage Association can borrow from the U. S. Treasury and the public. Another measure pushed by the House Veterans Affairs Committee would increase by $2,000,000,000 the direct home loan program of the Veterans Administration.

CAMPAIGN SPENDING

An election reform bill has been offered by Senator Gore (D.,Tenn.) which would impose stringent new rules on political contributions and strict regulations for publication of individual campaign gifts. The bill, according to its author, would fix presidential spending limits at what he called "realistic" levels.

MIDDLE EAST AID

It may cost $5,000,000,000 a year in economic aid to stabilize Asia, the Middle East and Africa against Communism, a University of Chicago Research group recently told the Senate Foreign Relatations Committee. The group suggested a long-range program over a period of ten to twenty years as a minimum.

A BUDGET CUT

A new economy drive to cut President Eisenhower's $71,800,000,000 budget and prevent Senate additions to House bills is getting underway in Washington. The move is reported to have the backing of the 30-member House G. O. P. policy committee, 57 Republicans acting independently of a group of influencial Democrats.

CANDIDATE IN '60?

William F. Knowland, of California, Senate Republican leader, declined recently to rule out the possibility that he might seek the GOP presidential nomination in 1960. Knowland, in a recorded radio interview, said in reponse to questions about the 1960 presidential situation: "I don't think any person . . .can say in 1957 what the conditions may be in 1960. I neither ruled it in nor ruled it out." Knowland has announced that he will retire from the Senate in 1959.

FOREIGN AID

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SURPLUS SALES

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Vera, March 13.- "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold." Prov. 22:1.

The W. M. U. Society of New Hope Baptist Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds on Wednesday night, with a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harrieite visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beale celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 3. They had a good crowd and received many nice gifts. We wish them many happy returns.

Rev. Charles Addington has resigned as pastor of Liberty Chapel Church. We hope that they soon can get another pastor.

Visitors for the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson and Miss Sandra Kay Harvey.

We are glad to see some nice weather. We have had so much rain.

What has become of Mother Brightleaf? We miss her letters in the paper.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Jr. are the proud parents of a boy born at the Lynchburg General Hospital on March 11th.

Mr. T. C. Harvey, Jr. is on the sick list. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Grover Beasley visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey Sr. on Tuesday night.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

The Future Business Leaders of America held the fifth annual meeting Saturday March 9, in the Student Building at Longwood College. The meeting was called to order by the president, Jane Moore, from the Appomattox Chapter. Dr. Landrum, head of the Business Department of Longwood, opened the morning session of the business meeting by introducing Dr. Lamkfond, president of the college. He gave an interesting and inspiring talk.

After this contests were held in public speaking, spelling, parliamentary law, Mr. and Miss FHLA, essay, scrapbook and bulletin board.

The Appomattox Chapter won a Merit Award on the scrapbook entered. Yvonne Ferguson won fourth place in the parliamentary law contest and June Nash won fifth place in the spelling contest.

The following officers were elected for next year:
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Stonewall

Stonewall, March 18.- We are so happy to see some real pretty spring days. Hope they will be here to stay for a long time.

We want to extend deepest sympathly to the entire family of Mr. Melvin Drinkard, his wife and children, his father, his sisters and his brothers and the rest of the loved ones. A good man has gone to be with his dear Lord, but will surely leave a vacant place no one can fill.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler received word of the birth of a grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, of Appomattox last week. We want to congratulate the happy parents.

Glad to know Mr. and Mrs. Kern Mays and Mr. Harmon Jennings have returned to their homes from the hospital much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Gauldin spent the week-end in North Carolina with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and children, of Richmond, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Colie Rock and three boys visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick last Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence visited the Chick home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings and children, of North Carolina, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings.

Mrs. P. B. Stratton spent the week-end with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kent in Richmond.

Dr. Twyman Williams preached at Stonewall Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He is always a welcome guest in our community.

Miss Edna Adcock spent the week-end with her sister, Mary, at Appomattox.

Mrs. B. D. Stratton is visiting with relatives in Alexandria this week-end.

The W. S. C. S., of Bethel Church met with Mrs. Lyle Moore last Tuesday night, with a grand attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited Miss Jean Howerton in a hospital in Lynchburg last Monday. She is still very ill.

Appomattox is a growing town.

NEW BOOK IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY

Birthright, by Lettie Hamlett Rogers.

Peegram is a small, wealthy, handsome town. It supports one big industry, the Royall Furniture Company. It has its leading family, the Erwins, one of whom is the minister of the most fashionable church in town, another of whom, Carrie, has made a fortune on the stock market, become the power behind all the thrones, the person who quietly, efficiently, ruthlessly controls everything and everyone. It has produced one hero - Harry Hibbard, all-American football player and ace pilot in the war, who married a Carrie Erwin for love and was destroyed by her. The town also has its outsider, a teacher in the elementary school - a young woman born in the South less than 200 miles away but reared in a tradition completely foreign to that of Peegram. The story of Peegram is the story of many Southern towns. Without arguing, without taking sides, the author has managed to express and illumine the most urgent feelings of the South today.

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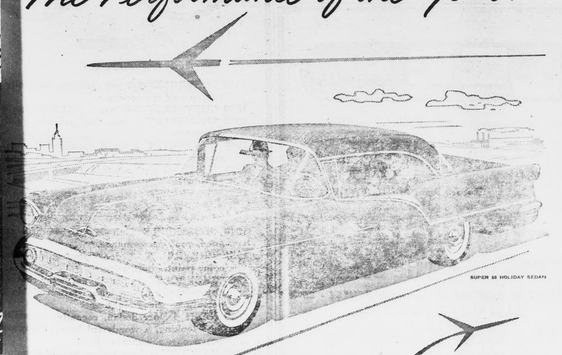

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